PATENT APPLICATION Docket No. 15436.249.26

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of		)
	Kevin Zhang et al.	) Art Uni
Serial No.:	09/941,474	) 2874 )
Filed:	August 28, 2001	)
Confirmation No.:	8102	<b>)</b> .
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRECISION TUNING AN OPTICAL FILTER USING A BALL-END JOINT	) ) )
Examiner:	Kevin S. Wood	)

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated December 5, 2003, in the above-identified patent application be extended for one-month until April 5, 2004.

Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in

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connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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